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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Final Papers—**  
Petition for his final papers was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Samuel Ontero Hendrickson.

**At Gray's River—**  
Dr. Barr and Harry Hoefler went over to Gray's River Sunday, and are expected back home today. They went on a trip of combined business and pleasure.

**Astor Lodge—**  
Astoria Lodge, K. of P., will have a public installation of officers at 8 o'clock Friday night in Logan hall. An excellent program has been arranged. Admission is by invitation only.

**Hunters' Licenses—**  
About 80 hunters' licenses had been issued at the office of the county clerk up to closing hours last evening for the year 1909. They were all issued on Saturday and yesterday.

**County Court—**  
The county court will meet tomorrow morning, and the session is likely to last over a day or two. The question of the county levy is one of the most important things to arise. Various appointments are also to be made, including the road supervisors, bridge tenders, health officers, and court house janitor.

**Correction Made Gladly—**  
In the course of a social item in Sunday's edition of the Astorian, two errors crept in, as to the names of two young people who were married on Saturday evening, Mr. Trygvi Wigen and Miss Constance Swerkli. The Astorian regrets the mistakes made.

**Obsequies at Cathlamet—**  
On Sunday afternoon last the funeral of the late Mrs. Frank M. Smith, an old and respected matron of that little city, took place in the presence of a great gathering of citizens, all of whom greatly respected the aged woman, who was one of the "Mothers in Israel" there.

**Schools Open—**  
The public schools opened yesterday morning after the Christmas holidays, all of the teachers and pupils showing up on time. The several rooms wherein there might have been danger from infection of diphtheria or scarlatina were thoroughly fumigated by Dr. Reames, the health officer, during the vacation.

**Still Laid Up—**  
Kenneth Parker, captain of the Astoria High School football eleven, is still laid up with the injuries he received in the game on New Year's day. It is said that one of the floating ribs was almost torn loose from the vertebrae. Captain Parker is compelled to keep his bed, but it is thought he will be up and around in a few days.

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In probate court yesterday a petition was entered from John L. Mattson asking for letters testamentary to issue on the estate of John Baker, who died intestate, leaving a widow, Anna Liza Baker, residing in Uppertown, and Christina Baker, a sister, residing in Finland, as his sole heirs. The estate is valued at about \$1300. Mattson was appointed administrator, an Eric Manuala, John Arjala and Eric Thompson were appointed appraisers.

**Scarlet Fever—**  
It is said the Peterson school in the Lewis and Clark district has been closed down because of the presence of scarlatina among the children. A short time ago there were a number of cases at Hammond, and it is presumed that the disease was brought into this city from those places. There are only a few cases in the city now, however, and as the greatest care has been taken to check its spread no trouble is anticipated.

**Suffered a Broken Ankle—**  
Joseph Endicott, the well known barber of Eleventh street, while practicing on the spring-plank at the A. A. A. "gym" on Sunday afternoon last, fell upon his left ankle in such a way as to fracture both bones, and he will probably be laid up for a month or more. Dr. Fulton set in the injured member and has charge of the case. Mr. Endicott was taken to his home immediately after the accident happened.

**Died of Heart Failure—**  
A man by the name of John Lunga was found dead in his bed on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Paulson, on Deep River, where he boarded. He was 60 years of age, and it is presumed that he died of heart failure. Dr. Peacock, coroner of Wahkiakum county, was summoned and went there yesterday from Cathlamet, stopping in this case for an hour or two. He returns to Cathlamet on the Lurline last evening. A jury was impaneled and found that death was due to heart disease.

**New Police Chief—**  
The board of police commissioners will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall, it being the first session of the new board. Dr. Logan is the only new member, taking the place of Judge Page. It was announced yesterday that at the meeting tonight a chief of police will be appointed, the position now being filled by Acting Chief of Police Oberg since the resignation of Chief Gammal. Much interest centers around the appointment, but no intention is given out with any definiteness as to the identity of the man to be selected. There are several names to be considered. The acting chief, Mr. Oberg, is a candidate for the job, and his friends are pointing to his record during the past few months as evidence of his fitness to fill the place. It is very probable, it is understood, that Mr. Oberg will get the appointment.

**His Busy Day—**  
Anyone in search of Hon. W. F. McGregor yesterday was kept on the go if they caught up with him at all. Among his engagements for the day were the following: The annual meeting of the Sorenson Logging Company, at which the old directors and officers were re-elected; the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Altoona Packing Company; the regular session of the directorate of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Co., of this city; and the meeting of the special committee of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, to make recommendations as to the new corps of officers for the year and to suggest the program for the promotion committee of that body for the year 1909. When last seen he was boarding a car for Alderbrook and waving off a lot of importunate who would see him, whether or no.

**On Eve of Departure—**  
Among the well known people of Astoria billed for an early departure from the city are: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Young and family, who will leave on Monday next for a winter tour through California, especially in the south of that State. The Misses Karinen, Fulton and Estes, who leave this morning for Whitman College at Walla Walla, to take up their studies, interrupted by the jolly holidays spent at home. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Higgins and baby, with Mrs. Warren, departing on Wednesday next, for Southern California, for a three months' stay in the sunshine and warmth and flowers, with Pasadena as headquarters. From there they will do all the points of interest in that district, and Mr. Higgins will endeavor to pick up some of the vitality his incessant work in the bank has de-

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Clarke are in the city from Portland and domiciled at the Hotel Occident.

Dr. F. Peacock of Cathlamet, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, en route to Deep River, to institute an inquest.

Sam Harris, who has been quite indisposed for the past few days, is mending rapidly and will soon be about again.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Rydquist, yesterday changed their domicile from Uppertown to 744 Franklin avenue, where they will be glad to greet all friends in the future.

Miss Jessie Jewett, an accomplished actress and singer, is on a vacation trip to her home, and mother, in this city, and next month will rejoin her old opera troupe for the coming season. She now makes her home in New York City.

R. A. Hawkins, of Ilwaco, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

M. Johnson, of Chinook, is in the city and a guest at the Parker House.

T. J. Mulcahy, of San Francisco, arrived in the city yesterday, on a business trip.

J. S. Bryan, of San Francisco, is spending a day or two in Astoria, and is quartered at the Occident.

Fred Reitler, of Seattle, was among the passengers alighting from the noon train in this city yesterday.

M. Bredemier, of Portland, spent the day in this city yesterday, on business matters.

W. J. White, the well known paper man, spent the day in Astoria yesterday.

**SON TO ACT AS ADVISOR.**

In Event Governor-Elect Cosgrove Will Not be Able to Take Seat.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 4.—It is stated on good authority in event Cosgrove is not strong enough to leave Paso Robles in time reach this city, January 13th, the legal date for inauguration, the legislature will be asked to authorize the suspension of the executive business of the governor's office until the supreme court can pass upon the application for writ quo warranto to determine who is acting governor during Cosgrove's absence. Under the agreement with Lieutenant-Governor Hayes and Governor Meade, Howard Cosgrove, the son of the governor-elect will be appointed secretary to the governor in event either man is acting governor, and will practically dictate the policy of the acting executive, until his father's return. There will be no attempt to gain or retain the governor's office by force. The contemplated suit will be a friendly one.

**WILL PRACTICE ECONOMY.**

Emperor William Feels the Pinch of Hard Times and Will Retrench.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—It is reported in court circles that the Emperor has issued instructions to the officers of the household for more economy. The Emperor intends to travel less and live in a simpler manner this year. The imperial family will spend more time at Potsdam because the expenses are less than at Berlin.

The Emperor desires to sell some of his castles. The projected economies are undertaken because the recent events have rendered this an opportune time to ask the Prussian parliament for an increase in all allowance to the Emperor as King of Prussia. The empire itself makes no grants for maintenance of the Emperor and his family. The Crown Prince is also retrenching.

**Picture Machine.**

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**COMMITTEES WERE NOT APPOINTED**

WHO BAYOR SMITH'S APPOINTMENTS ARE IS NOT YET MADE KNOWN.

Mayor Smith did not appoint his standing committees for the coming year at the session of the common council yesterday afternoon, presumably because of the fact that the Carney-Karinen matter was not settled then.

Generally speaking the important committees are two in number—on streets and public works and on fire department. J. H. Hansen, who has been chairman of the committee on streets for a long time, now retires from office and it is only a matter of conjecture who his successor will be. Councilman Kaboth was chairman of the committee on fire department during the Wise administration and it is understood that he is anxious to be again appointed to the

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- Sirloin Steak . . . . . 10c
- Extra choice cut of Sirloin Steak, 12c
- Soup Meat, per lb. . . . . 3c
- Boiling Meat . . . . . 5c and 6c
- Pot Roast Beef . . . . . 7c and 8c
- Rib Roast Beef . . . . . 10c
- Extra choice cut of Rib Roast Beef . . . . . 12c
- Pickled Pork . . . . . 12c
- Pigs' Feet . . . . . 5c
- Dry Salt Pork . . . . . 12c
- Loin Pork Chops . . . . . 15c
- Shoulder Pork Chops . . . . . 10c, 12c

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place; and it is expected that he will be. It has been a custom of recent years for each committee to be absolutely dominated by its chairman. The chairman was really the entire committee, so that the chairmen of these committees have exercised autocratic power, and they were quick to resent the slightest interference with their privilege in this respect even in open council meeting.

This custom has been criticised by citizens. By its practice the chairmen of a few of the leading committees really ran much of the business of the city. Members of the council have defended this practice on the grounds that the chairmen of committees were over-burdened with the work they did, and that the least that could be done in recognition of their services was to let them have wide latitude in controlling matters within their committee jurisdiction.

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